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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: WESTERN FIVE APPROACH TO WORK OF SPECIAL SESSION'S  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS SCHEDULED  
TO HOLD ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING TOMORROW  
AFTERNOON (APRIL 27). AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, THE  
COMMITTEE'S PRIMARY FUNCTION WILL BE TO REVIEW THE DRAFT  
DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION (UNGA DOCUMENT  
A/S-9/7) SUBMITTED TO IT BY THE UN COUNCIL FOR  
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NAMIBIA.

2. THE EC-9 INTENDS TO MAKE A STATEMENT AT THAT  
FIRST MEETING IN WHICH THEY WOULD: (A) EXPRESS THEIR  
GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SPIRIT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE  
DOCUMENT (NAMELY, A SPEEDY AND PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO  
INDEPENDENCE); (B) NOTE THAT THEY HAVE RESERVATIONS

ABOUT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS, ESPECIALLY THE ENDORSEMENT OF ARMED STRUGGLE AND THE REFERENCE TO SWAPO AS THE SOLE AND LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE; AND (C) STATE THEIR VIEW THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL CONSTITUTES THE BEST MEANS OF ACHIEVING A SPEEDY AND PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

3. THE CONTACT GROUP MET PM APRIL 26 TO CONSIDER FIVE'S APPROACH TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIVE SHOULD SPEAK BRIEFLY AND INFORMALLY TOWARD THE START OF THE MEETING. THE GROUP IS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE FIVE SHOULD NOT/NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENTUAL PLENARY VOTE ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION OR PROGRAMME OF ACTION, ON THE GROUNDS OF OUR SPECIAL NEED TO MAINTAIN NEUTRALITY. (GROUP ALSO AGREES THAT THE DRAFT POSES NUMEROUS SUBSTANTIVE DIFFICULTIES AND THAT DRAFT IS UNLIKELY TO BE ALTERED SIGNIFICANTLY.)

4. THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD ALL PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND SHOULD COMMENT ON THOSE PARAGRAPHS OF THE DRAFT WHICH POSE GREATEST DIFFICULTY WITH REGARD TO WESTERN FIVE EFFORT ON NAMIBIA, CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT COMMITTEE

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WILL BE MOST RECEPTIVE TO OUR CONCERNS IF WE ARE FORTHRIGHT AND STATE GENTLY TO THE COMMITTEE: (A) OUR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK; (B) OUR BELIEF THAT WE WILL BE UNABLE ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLENARY VOTE ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION; AND (C) OUR DESIRE TO COMMENT OCCASIONALLY ON THOSE ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD MOST DIRECTLY AFFECT THE SUCCESS OF THE WESTERN FIVE'S NEGOTIATION EFFORT. (ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE USELESS AND ANTAGONIZING FOR MEMBERS OF THE FIVE TO COMMENT FREQUENTLY ON THE TEXTUAL NEGOTIATION DURING THE REVIEW OF THE DRAFT. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, SEE THAT IMPORTANT POINTS WHICH WE DID NOT WISH TO RAISE OURSELVES WERE RAISED BY OTHERS.) GROUP CONSIDERED CANADIAN VIEW CAREFULLY AND ACCEPTED IT IN PRINCIPLE.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO SPEAK, AND TO DO SO IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD, LOW-KEY AND NON-ANTAGONISTIC WAY. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR INTEREST IN SPEAKING AND OUR STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS WILL UNDERLINE THE RESPECT WHICH WE HOLD FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE AND WILL HELP REDUCE ANY NOTIONS OF WESTERN

FIVE ALOOFNESS TOWARD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A  
FAILURE TO SPEAK WILL, WE BELIEVE, ONLY SPUR SUCH  
CHARGES OF ALOOFNESS. CONTACT GROUP WILL MEET TOMORROW  
MORNING TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE MATTER OF A  
STATEMENT AND ITS SUBSTANCE. END COMMENT. YOUNG

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